

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-17 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicants amended Claims 1, 5, and 10-14, added Claims 18-19 and canceled Claims 2-3, 6, 8-9 and 15-17 without prejudice or disclaimer. In the pending Examiner's Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1, 4-5, 7 and 18-19 are allowable. In response, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 10 and 14 with limitations from Claim 1 to also place the remaining pending claims in condition for allowance. Additionally, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1 and 14 to correct inadvertent errors before issuance. As such, each of the pending claims, Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 10-14 and 18-19, are now in condition for allowance.

I. Rejection of Claims 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,732,206 to Jensen, *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,870,628 to Chen, *et al.* The Applicants respectfully disagree in view of amended independent Claims 10 and 14. More specifically, the Applicants fail to find where the cited combination of Jensen and Chen teach or suggest each element of amended independent Claim 10, and analogously independent Claim 14, which includes: (1) storing data cells in a output buffer unit received from the direct memory access unit in response to a second READY signal, wherein the output buffer unit is a first-in first-out storage unit and is configured to exchange control signals with the direct memory access unit, and (2) receiving data cells at an output unit from the output buffer unit and applying data cells to the communication bus from the output unit, the output unit configured to exchange control signals with

the ATM master processing unit. In contrast, the Applicants refer to Figure 1 of Jensen and Figure 2 of Chen that were relied on in the pending rejection. (See Examiner's Action, pages 2-3.)

As such, the cited combination does not provide a *prima facie* case of obviousness of amended independent Claims 10 and 14 and their dependent claims. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103(a) rejection with respect to Claims 10-14 and allow issuance thereof.

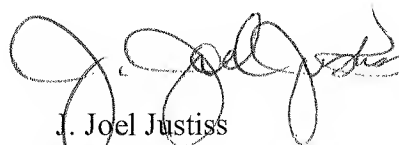
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 10-14, 18 and 19.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

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